IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re application of:

Carlos Alfonso Cruz, et al.

Group Art:

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Serial No.:

10/082,393

Confirmation No.: 4006

Examiner: Kelechi Chidi Egwim

Filed: February 25, 2002

For:

PROCESS FOR PREPARING

NON-GELLING HIGH POLYMER COMPOSITIONS AND THERMO-

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicants, by their attorney, respectfully request a two (2)-month extension of time, from December 29, 2003, to and including February 29, 2003, in which to respond to the Office Action mailed September 29, 2003 in connection with the above-identified application.

This Petition for Extension of Time is not made for the purpose of delay, nor for any other improper motive.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the \$420 fee (Fee Code 1252) for this extension of time to Deposit Account No. 18-1850. A completed Form PTO/SB/17, in duplicate, accompanies this Petition for Extension of Time for the purpose of paying the aforesaid fee. In addition, please charge any additional fees due, and credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 18-1850.

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Date: February 18, 2004 **ROHM AND HAAS COMPANY** 100 Independence Mall West Philadelphia, PA 19106-2399

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Respectfully submitted,

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